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Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of <u>Jaime Vargas</u>, <u>Tenny Chang and David Bombard</u> for <u>INCISION TENSIONING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME</u>.

- [] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$80.00 (102) =	80.00
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